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Literary Writer, Editor and Printer.

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Biographical and Commercial Sketches; Fiction;  
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and Revision of Manuscripts; Proof  
Reading and similar work.

Also Journalistic and Private Letter Writing.

TERMS REASONABLE.

393 Wade St. Cincinnati,

Nov 21, 1878.

Gentlemen:

Can you assist me to some  
sale Catalogues of Coins, &c. that may  
appear this winter. I have not dabbled  
much in my old hobby - Coin Collecting -  
for a number of years, and I am not  
well posted as to ruling values and good  
sources of supply. If I can have  
a reliable dealer to attend my wits,  
I may purchase considerable in the  
numismatical way - especially American  
issues, in which I am mainly interested.

Very respectfully

To  
Oscar H. Harpel.

Messrs. S. H. & H. Chapman,  
2023 Tower Street,  
Philadelphia.

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*O. S. H. Harpel,*

Typographic Designer and Writer,

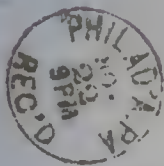
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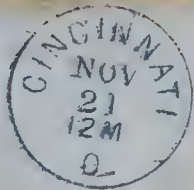
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*Cincinnati.*



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Pa.

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March 7, 1879







But will you be kind to know  
what result <sup>the</sup> you will see in send-  
ing any or all of the <sup>above</sup> mentioned  
pieces to the "affair"? I would  
prefer you to put in the whole matter  
into the hands of Mr. H. B. Hall  
of the U. S. Navy, as I was once  
known to. Also, Hall & Co.  
are at Libany St. 17 where  
I was brought up in business as a printer.  
I am a native Philadelphian.

Mr. Robert Allison, in this city,  
has known me personally for a quarter  
of a century. He is the head of the  
type-setting firm, here, of Allison  
Smith & Johnson.

What I desire is, the copies for  
"affair", with immediate it, so  
as to be well tested, with the  
other papers, & so that  
be made at that time & place.

To satisfy you of the safety of your  
interests, under my guidance, I can en-  
gage with several of the most able,  
persons here, & hereby the result will  
be guaranteed for you to last with  
me & others. I doubt not that  
I shall be able to give you  
confidence, & the only way to find out  
if I am as good as I say, is to try  
me.

I would expect a reasonable com-  
mission upon your prices, and I have no  
doubt that a single transaction with me  
will satisfy you of the straightforward  
method of dealing I will adhere to in  
all my transactions, to secure business.

Trusting you will give this  
your earliest consideration I am

Respectfully,

O. B. Hoar,

Hummerist and Dealer.

*Oscar H. Kumpf,*

**Numismatist,**

DEALER IN

**COINS, MEDALS, RARE BOOKS, INDIAN RELICS,**

**MINERAL SPECIMENS, SEA SHELLS, ETC.,**

Commission Agent for Collectors, Numismatic Dealers, Amateurs and all others.

333 WADE STREET, CINCINNATI, O.



Old collectors and Amateurs are respectfully informed that I will hereafter deal in United States, Colonial, Foreign and Ancient Coins, Medals, etc., properly connected with numismatology. Also, Rare Fossils, Indian and Mound Relics, Minerals, Gems, Colonial, Confederate and Fractional Paper Money, Stamps, Rare Books, Pamphlets, Engravings, Prints and all articles sought by collectors of every grade.

Goods in this line bought, sold and exchanged, and fair dealing in all transactions will be strictly adhered to.

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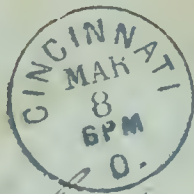


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D. H. & H. Chapman,  
2043 River Street,  
Philadelphia,  
Pa.



Harpel, Oscar H.

April 24 1979

[Includes announcements of Harpel's  
recent publications.]

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202 Vine St., Cincinnati, O.

April 29th, 1879.

Messrs. S. H. & H. Chapman,

Gentlemen:

Can you furnish me,  
(and at what prices) the following U. S.  
Silver Coins, in strictly good or fine con-  
dition?

<sup>1090</sup>  
<sup>250</sup> Halves of 1794-5-6-7-1801-2-3-5-  
15, 36 milled edge <sup>250</sup> 1851, 1852.

<sup>350</sup> Wholes, 1794-5-6-7-8-9-1801-2-  
3-1836-7-8.

Also 1793-1794, 1799-1804 Cents.

My business in coins is growing to be  
respectable in every way, and I hope by  
careful and correct dealing to increase  
it. I have quite a number of old  
and new collectors, among my corres-  
pondents, who wish good and generally fine  
specimens; and I am making arrangements

with reliable dealers East to supply me  
with what I may lack.

I have some very fine pieces of the  
Half dollar and Dollar silver issues, other  
than the dates I am inquiring for, which  
I will be glad to supply other dealers if  
they wish any, at moderate prices.

Will you please reply to this, stating  
all business particulars?

Respectfully,

C. H. Harper.

*Crescent H. Knapel,*

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— NOW IN PREPARATION. —

The publisher takes pleasure in stating here, that he has in active preparation, to appear within a reasonable time,

### Petit's Narrative of the Massacre of the Natchez Indians.

This will be an accurate and complete translation into English, from the author's original French, which is universally conceded to be the most correct account of the destruction of that once important tribe of Indians. The English version now announced is believed to be the only one that has thus far been offered to historical students.

The typographical style of PETIT will be similar to the reprint of LEDERER'S "Discoveries." The price (to subscribers only) will be \$2.50 per copy, post free in the United States and Dominion of Canada. No discount to dealers who may become subscribers.

All subscriptions and correspondence relating to these publications must be addressed to the publisher. Postal-card correspondence is not desired, and letters of mere inquiry, to secure prompt replies, should in ALL cases contain the necessary stamps for return postage.

*O. H. HARPEL,*

*Antiquarian Printer and Publisher,*

*202 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.*



➡ READY, JANUARY, 1879. ⬅

## The Discoveries of John Lederer,

*In three several Marches from Virginia to the West of Carolina, and other parts of the Continent: Begun in March 1669, and ended September 1670. Together with a General Map of the whole Territory which he traversed. Collected and Translated out of Latine from his Discourse and Writings. By Sir WILLIAM TALBOT Baronet. London, Printed by J. C. for SAMUEL HEYRICK, at Grays-Inne-gate in Holborn. 1672.*

THIS is a *verbatim* reprint of the above entitled and extremely rare book, concerning the author's researches along the eastern side and among the ranges of mountains now named the Alleghanies. The explorations of JOHN LEDERER are held to be the first in that direction, of which we have any authentic account. He was a German, and the earliest European traveler who dared to penetrate the then almost impassable wilds of America, inhabited as they were with savage and hostile tribes of Indians, dangerously jealous of the encroachments of the white colonists. This narrative of his discoveries is intelligently and honestly rendered, however strange his conjectures concerning the country westward of those mountains appear by the light of our own knowledge of the facts.

The reprint of the account, now presented, was made word for word, with the utmost care, from the only original copy of the book known to exist in this country. It belongs to the Library of Congress, at Washington, and is regarded as one of the peculiar rarities of that great and valuable book collection.

The only English edition ever issued to the present time, was published in London, in 1672, under the auspices of Sir WILLIAM TALBOT, who was then governor of the province of Maryland, and befriended the author in many ways, after his return from the various perilous marches, mentioned above.



The original map, which accompanies the text, is also given in the reprint, with absolute fidelity in the slightest details. This has been accomplished through the courtesy and under the supervision of A. R. SPORFORD, Esq., the erudite and popular custodian of the Library of Congress.

An able introduction from the pen of H. A. RATTERMANN, Esq., the distinguished editor of the *German Pioneer*, an historical and biographical magazine published at Cincinnati, prefaces the narrative of LEDERER, and adds to the value of the republication hereby offered to collectors of rare books.

**No more than one hundred copies** of this reprint will be issued under any circumstances. The publication is copyrighted and each copy numbered and certified by the publisher. The printing is excellently done with new, large and clear-faced type, on the finest heavy, super-calendered toned paper. The size of pages is small quarto, with extra wide margins, uncut, and placed in strong paper covers only. The subscription price is \$2.00 for each and every copy sent by mail in manilla case, post free.

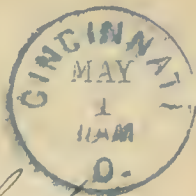
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O. H. HARPEL,

*Antiquarian Printer and Publisher,*

*202 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.*





C. H. + H. Chapman,  
2043 Tower Street,  
Philadelphia.

Harpel, Oscar H.

[Harpel] October 1871

[Chapman] Mitchell, 1871

[A draft of a response from the  
Chapmans can be found on the inner  
second leaf of the letter.]

OSCAR H. HARPEL,  
CINCINNATI.

101 Wade Street, Oct. 1st, 1879

E. H. & W. Chapman,  
New York.

I submit the enclosed  
bids, as a dealer only; whether I get  
any of the best pieces or not, I have  
confidence in your fairness. The bids,  
however, are on the catalogued pieces, not  
on duplicates, as is too commonly the  
method with other dealers of whom I am told.

Mr. Wm. Cleveley, whom you probably  
know, and Mr. Cobb of your Phil. Mint.  
will, I think tell you I am usually  
trustworthy, although I have not been  
largely in the market with Catalogue  
bids, as purchasing that way has not  
proved very profitable to me. I obtain  
a good many fine pieces elsewhere cheaper,  
as a rule. Yours, truly,

(I bid on the priced catalogue)  
O. H. Harpel.



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Same, but losing

State advanced to 2nd

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Bring a cat





Messrs. S. H. & H. Chapman:

Please execute the following bids at sale to be held October 9th, at New York.

The bids are at so much each piece.

NO.	BID	REMARKS	NO.	BID	REMARKS
133	6 50		386	1 75	541 - 20¢ each
146	4 00	If strictly v. g.	388	1 75	542 - 35¢
149	1 25		392	1 75	572 - 80¢
154	5 00		398	1 75	573 - 60¢
156	1 00		399	1 75	588 - 15¢
163	7 50		400	1 75	
170	4 50		402(2)	1 75	173 50¢
171	2 75		408	2 00	175 60¢
184	2 00		410	1 75	176 50¢
185	2 00		411	1 75	123 \$2.10
214	30		416	1 75	124 2.10
215	30		419	1 20	125 2.10
216	30		423	1 20	128 2.10
217	40		424	30	129 1.75
218	25		426	1 00	130 2.10
219	25		427	75	131 2.50
220	30		432(2)	3 50	132 2.10
221	30		433	1 20	145 2.10
222	30		434	2 50	147 .80
223	15		435	2 50	134 1.75
320	1 20		436	1 50	136 1.75
321	2 00		437	1 50	137 1.75
324	2 00		535 585	35	138 2.00
385	1 25		536	35	139 1.75

Yours respectfully,



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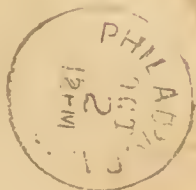


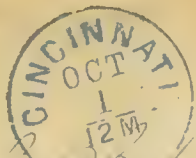
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Letter

to Mr. A. D. C.

10.14.1879





Messrs. S. W. & H. C. ~~Johnson~~  
Linnemasters,

2043 Front Street,  
Philadelphia.